GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY OF GSI IN MP
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has conducted any survey for locating mines in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for their exploration/extraction ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVISHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) under the administrative control of the Department of Mines is conducting investigations for locating mineral resources in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) : GSI is continuing investigations for gold, copper, base metals in Sidhi, Katni, Betul and Jhabua districts.A survey for dimension stones was completed in Seoni, Balaghat, Jabalpur, Mandla and Shahdol districts for locating potential dimension stone prospects.

(c) : The mineral resource once proved may lead to a mining project for extraction, depending on its economic viability. Any Indian National or a Company as defined in sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956 is free to exploit the mineral reserves after getting mining lease in accordance with the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules framed thereunder.